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19 February 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : Proposed Contract [] for
the Conduct of Infrared Training

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1. A recommendation contained in paragraph six of this memorandum requests a contract with [] for the conduct of infrared training for personnel of the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

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2. Under contractual agreement, [] has provided effective training and liaison services relative to infrared reconnaissance technologies in FY '69. The objective has been to institute an advanced infrared interpreter training program for a select cadre of 15 NPIC interpreters, wherein emphasis was placed upon student understanding of state-of-art technology and products (e.g., imagery and analog data). Additionally, a requirement was levied and accommodated to present timely individual and collective student briefings relating to on-going advances in infrared systems and system's product exploitation in the form of a continuing series of up-datings. This was done with full instructor cognizance of the photographic materials with which the NPIC interpreters work.

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3. In reviewing the NPIC's requirement for IR training in FY '70 and '71, the need to maintain the up-to-date status of the present NPIC cadre of 15 continues. The requirement that the cadre have its expertise maintained in a timely fashion is a significant part of the basic need for all training on a nonoperational reconnaissance system. The lack of effective follow-up to classroom instruction has been a legitimate criticism of past NPIC multi-sensor programs. Another criticism of past training efforts in the multi-sensor field has been the lack of strategically related imagery available in the course. An attempt to respond to that criticism has been made in the collection of imagery for this course.

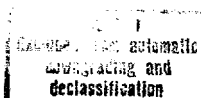
4. Our requirements have been discussed with representatives from [] and they have responded with a proposal, copy attached, dated 12 January 1970.

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5. The Imagery Exploitation Group has included a requirement for this training as one of their crucial needs in the FY '70 budget. Although the cost (approximately [redacted]) appears high, we would anticipate a lower figure as a result of the efforts of our contract negotiators.

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6. It is recommended that approval be granted for the execution of a contract with [redacted] at a cost not to exceed [redacted] to conduct a continuing training program that will last approximately one year. This would include from eight to ten visits to our facility by the instructor staff for the instruction of 15 students. Negotiations should begin immediately in order that our training needs in this field may be satisfied with funds available to us at this time.

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Chief, Technical Services and Support Group

Attachment
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Director, NPIC

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